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C O N F I D E N T I A L BERLIN 1226

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SUBJECT: DETENTION OF U.S. PATROL VEHICLE IN EAST BERLIN

1. U.S. ARMY VEHICLE ON ROUTINE EAST BERLIN PATROL JULY 21 WAS STOPPED BY UNIFORMED SOVIET PERSONNEL AT 1228 LOCAL WHILE PROCEEDING NORTHEAST ON GRENZWEGSTRASSE (COORDINATES UU 987147) IN VICINITY OF SECONDARY SOVIET INSTALLATION. SOVIETS GESTURED TOWARDS MILITARY MISSION RESTRICTION SIGN PATROL HAD JUST PASSED, APPARENTLY INDICATING THAT PATROL HAD VIOLATED SIGN.

2. SOVIETS PHOTOGRAPHED VEHICLE AND OCCUPANTS, AND MADE NO RESPONSE TO PATROL LEADER'S REQUEST TO SPEAK WITH SOVIET OFFICER. VEHICLE WAS EFFECTIVELY BLOCKED BY TWO ARMED SOLDIERS STANDING TO FRONT AND ONE TO REAR, WITH FOUR OTHER SOLDIERS STANDING OFF TO THE SIDE. AT
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1252 SOVIET OFFICER ARRIVED ON SCENE, BUT DEPARTED

AFTER SPEAKING WITH OTHER SOVIET PERSONNEL AND WITHOUT ADDRESSING PATROL MEMBERS. AT 1309 SOVIET SOLDIERS MOVED FROM IN FRONT OF PATROL VEHICLE, WHICH THEREUPON DEPARTED.

3. MISSION DOES NOT PLAN TO PROTEST DETENTION AT THIS TIME.

4. USCOB CONCURS.KLEIN

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